

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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The good ship "American Business" has pulled off the mud bank of depression and is gaining headway every minute. Now the thing for us all to do is to put the steam of hard work into her engines and we'll drive the ship forward as never before. There is nothing wrong with this country. The fundamental things that make prosperity are here yet.—Hugh Chalmers.

EXPLANATIONS THAT FAIL TO EXPLAIN.

As against the ready denials of county jail officials that disgracefully lax conditions existed at the time the McGrath-Bowers-Scully gang was "confined" at the jail, one significant fact stands out:

Jack McGrath escaped.

He made a clean getaway from the jail and from Hawaii.

He made his getaway at night a few hours prior to the time when he was to stand before a judge and receive sentence for robbery.

The time of his escape was a time when, if there had been good management at the county jail, he could not have gotten away.

He was known to be a desperate man. He was known to be a "gunman." Deputy Sheriff Asch remarked yesterday that it was notorious McGrath by choice carried a big automatic revolver. He was a member of a thoroughly bad gang.

All of this was known to the jail officials. And yet McGrath escaped.

If he had been properly guarded; if the exits of the jail hospital had been properly guarded, he could not have escaped. There are only two explanations for his getaway—that he was purposely let escape, or that the guarding at the jail was inexcusably lax.

And the escape of McGrath is the one outstanding fact which no excuses and explanations can remove.

Jail officials have been quick to shift the blame upon a prisoner who, they say, was made a trusty. What they do not explain satisfactorily is why the gangsters were treated like privileged characters—why they were kept in the hospital at all, instead of in the jail itself. One of the gang, Boggs, was said to be ill; in his case there might have been sufficient reason for special treatment, but in the case of the others, no sufficient reason has been given.

Sheriff Rose yesterday gave the reason for allowing the gang to be together in the hospital in the following statement:

"City and County Attorney Cathcart asked me to put the whole bunch in the hospital together, so that Boggs, who had pleaded not guilty, could be persuaded by the others to plead guilty."

Without in the least doubting the sheriff's word, it is quite proper to ask why the gangsters were in the hospital on the night of April 20, when Boggs pleaded guilty on April 26? If the reason for allowing them special privileges was to secure a plea of guilty from Boggs, that reason was fulfilled on April 26, four days before the escape.

On April 14 Bower and McGrath pleaded guilty to second-degree robbery, and on April 26 Boggs followed suit. Lewis had already been found guilty of second-degree robbery. Thus the law had branded these men as dangerous criminals. Under the circumstances, the freedom they were allowed in the hospital—after the alleged reason for special treatment had ceased to exist—gives to the escape of McGrath an atmosphere which is hardly explained now by the jailers' readiness to blame a trusty.

UNCLE SAM'S INTEREST IN HONOLULU.

In a brief talk to the charter convention last night, Delegate W. O. Smith said openly and emphatically what has been increasingly apparent for several years past—that the federal government has a proper interest in seeing that Honolulu is a progressive city, and that incompetence and unreliability in the municipality will be regarded with grave concern at Washington.

It is perfectly true that Uncle Sam's large interests here make it imperative that Oahu be well-governed. The only situation which would justify Washington in taking charge through a federal commission would be a situation where the American citizens of Oahu had lost control of their government and showed themselves unable to handle its reins efficiently.

Local self-government is the honest and rightful pride of Americans. Honolulu cherishes that right and that pride as highly as any

mainland city and, moreover, there is a naturally lively opposition here to anything that savors of absentee landlordism in public affairs. It is the well-founded boast of Hawaii that it has made wonderful progress, industrially and socially, to its status as an American commonwealth. Honolulu has accepted the responsibilities of local self-government, and having accepted, must make good.

Making good means making progress, keeping pace with the governmental methods and features of organization which are so rapidly increasing the efficiency of mainland cities. For many years American cities were admitted to be the worst-governed in the Occident. The reproach of that condition is passing, for American cities are dethroning the boss and electing to responsive office men who make city government an honest business.

Discarded methods and discredited leaders have no place in the government of Honolulu. This city should be satisfied with nothing but the best. We have a right to demand in city government progress proportionate to the progress that the people of the territory are making a private business and human relations—industrially and socially. It is unthinkable that a city whose leading men are distinguished for energy, progressiveness and grasp of affairs in their own businesses, should be content with a government for which excuses must be made.

Honolulu has a right to guard jealously its local self-government. And yet some of the very men who yell the loudest at the thought of government by a federal commission will work to perpetuate a municipal organization which encourages favoritism and patronage politics.

HOW THE BIG LOAN HELPED THE U. S.

The execution of war orders is still having a very decided effect. It is not only keeping the lines of industry immediately affected extremely busy, but the wages and profits thus obtained are gradually filtering into other channels of trade and doing their share toward improvement. Preparations to finance the new foreign loan created little disturbance in the stock market, although payments by the underwriting syndicate became due on the 15th inst. The success of this issue was a foregone conclusion, and has already been amply discounted. This loan has unquestionably averted a serious crisis in our foreign trade which would have injured us more than France or England. Without the loan our farmers would have been unable to have found a market for this enormous surplus, and a business upheaval of some sort would have been inevitable. As it is, the exchange situation has been greatly relieved and no serious difficulty is anticipated.—Henry Clews.

Deputy Sheriff Asch's experiences with the Mexican police and provincial officials at Tia Juana furnish a pretty accurate indication of the chaos that has ruled south of the border since Madero was murdered. And it is not yet ended, though Carranza is "recognized." The incompetence, graft and characteristic double-dealing with which the deputy sheriff had to contend are general throughout Mexico and no leader can arise who does not rule at first by ruthless force.

A San Francisco street-bandit declared that hunger drove him to crime. He had the price of a revolver but not the price of a meal, observes a San Francisco newspaper. The appalling increase in Hawaii of crimes committed with deadly weapons suggests that there are many men here who spend money to purchase guns and knives instead of food and clothing.

In the celebrated case of the Supervisors vs. Politics, arising over the retention of Charles Clark in the road department, Politics appears to have won a decided victory.

Now that a jury in California has convicted two men of illegally recruiting soldiers for the British army, in the United States, there will be less said of American favoritism.

Capt. von Papen is said to have explained that when he referred to "those idiotic Yankees" he meant newspaper editors. That, of course, makes it different.

Kapiolani park is to have a zoo. Past experiences in the baby kangaroo and playing-piano line have not disheartened the municipal authorities.

LETTERS OF THE WEEK

JAPANESE SCHOOLS AND CITIZENSHIP

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir:—About so often there appears

in some one of the daily papers of this

city an article on Japanese conduct

that might lead to United States citizenship.

It is generally an admonition

to the local Japanese by some one of

their own nationality from their own

country, to be good citizens, mind the

laws and all that. There appeared an

article along these lines in last Saturday's

Star-Bulletin under the usual

heading: "Say Japanese Must Be

Good United States Citizens." So must

every other nationality that are fortunate

enough to become residents of this

territory, but one does not hear

emissaries from their country continually

preaching to that effect. According to

the story from Hilo, regarding the association

formed there for this express purpose, the

very first statement by one of the

speakers, that Japanese-Americans should

be "good citizens," which includes every

condition from obeying the laws of the land

to fighting with the United States against any foreign

nation, especially Japan, was hissed. I

quote from one of the speakers there:

"Your position as members of this club is

not in going to be an easy one. The old

Japanese people are going to make it hard

for you to be American citizens."

That appears to be the situation exactly,

as the writer sees it. There does not seem to

be any further comment needed on the subject. The

question of Japanese becoming "good citizens" is

fully answered in the quoted statement above.

I can never believe, and there are

possibly a few others in this city who agree with me,

that Oriental immigrants in Hawaii, that build,

establish, maintain and support hundreds of

schools of their own nationality throughout the

territory, and force their children to attend during

the early morning hours of the day, and again in the

afternoon after they have attended a session of the

public schools, cautioning them to never forget they

are Japanese, can never become good citizens, or

have any desire to become such.

Do we ever hear of the immigrants of any other

nation establishing schools of their own nationality

here, and forcing their children to attend them

twice a day if they or their children ever expected

to become good citizens? Although I am not from

Missouri you must know me the Japanese that

wants to become a "good citizen" of the United

States. —YANKEE.

CHRISTMAS FUND FOR BELGIANS

New York, N.Y., October 15.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

My dear Sir: The success of the Dollar Christmas Fund last year was mainly due to the generous support of the American newspaper press and that support I am desirous by our committee to invite once again.

As treasurer of the funds for the second year I am asked to present to you the compliments and greetings of the committee whose names are as doubtless familiar to you and to ask you personally to lend us a helping hand by publishing the appeal herewith enclosed.

If, as we venture to hope, the cause for which we appeal has your approval there are three ways by which we respectfully suggest you can render us invaluable help:

First, by publishing the appeal in your valued newspaper.

Secondly, by calling attention to the appeal in your editorial columns.

Thirdly, by opening your columns for the purpose of receiving subscriptions in our behalf.

We venture to believe there are many people—even those who have given to every other agency of relief—who would be glad to see themselves on our Christmas list of Belgian helpers.

With the compliments of the committee and my own personal respect, I am,
Yours very truly,
HENRY CLEWS,
Treasurer of the Dollar Christmas Fund, Broad Street, New York.

"ALOHA" FROM THE MARYLAND.

U. S. S. Maryland,
Honolulu, T. H., Oct. 28, 1915.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: Before we sail for the coast I would like to send a few lines to you and ask that they be published if you have the space. The greater part of the crew of the Maryland have made many friends during our many visits here and we feel that a welcome always awaits us in this city.

We wish to thank you and your staff for all you have done for us on this ship.

Very truly yours,
HARRY S. MORRIS,
Editor Maryland Eagle.

SHOULD LOWER ROAD COST.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: For building the Hakipuu road there is a large deposit of gravel adjacent to the road. It is good road material. Its location makes cost of conveying a minimum.

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—MEMBERS OF U. S. S. MARYLAND CREW: Through the Star-Bulletin we would like to express our appreciation of Honolulu's hospitality and to say that we are leaving the islands with very pleasant memories, and will hope some day to return.

—CHESTER A. DOYLE: The reason so few marriages are happy is because young ladies spend their time in making nets, not in making oases. But then again, someone once said "All other goods by fortune's hands are given, a wife is the peculiar gift of heaven." And if it was raining soup, I'd be out with a fork in my hand. Nothing doing for me.

—MAYOR LANE: Every time I pass by the little plot of ground that lies between Richards street and the University Club quarters, and that also lies next door to my house, I feel proud of the fact that the city consented to the offer of the University Club and put out the grass which the club is now tending. It is a distinct addition to the beauty of the city.

—SUPERVISOR HORNER: I thought the letter that appeared in the morning paper from three of the petitioners who sent the memorial concerning the propagation and protection of game birds was entirely uncalled for. These three men know that we have already decided to turn the birds loose where we have been asked to, and I still maintain that if they are so anxious about the matter that they are induced to write to us they ought to be willing to pay the hunting license fee which goes toward the care of the birds.

—HARRY L. STRANGE: I want to pay a big tribute to H. P. Wood for his efficient work as manager of the Hawaii building at the San Francisco exposition. I talked with several of the exposition officials and they all said that our exhibit was better kept up than any other on the grounds. It is cleaner and better

Personal Mention

—LIEUT. FREDERICK CARL SHERMAN, U. S. N., will marry Miss Fannie Jessop, daughter of Mrs. Joseph Jessop of Coronado, Southern California, about Thanksgiving Day. The ceremony will be performed in Christ church, Coronado. It depends on the date of arrival at the coast of the Maryland, on which Lieut. Sherman is stationed.

A. P. TAYLOR received a letter from Guy Emerson, associate editor of the *Economical World*. Mr. Emerson said: "I hope that the introduction of Hawaii will not end with a few preliminaries. I hope that you will keep us supplied with all economical questions that come up in Hawaii. Your article on Hawaii was an excellent one and hope to hear more from you in the near future."

MRS. F. J. LOWREY, president of the Outdoor Circle, has written to the Promotion Committee asking that the two organizations cooperate in placing names on all trees in Palace square and vicinity. The Outdoor Circle has been instrumental in the work of planting better trees in certain parts of the city, and has assisted David Haughe, Prof. J. F. Rock and Superintendent of Public Works Charles Forbes in their plans for a city beautiful.

run than anything on the ground. Wood has certainly done an immense amount of hard work and I wish to call the attention of Honoluluans to his efficiency. The one thing which has held him back was the small size of his building. Most of the time it was so crowded that many people who wished to see our exhibit could not wedge their way in.

Dane Francis of San Francisco, driving a car in a 150 mile race at Fresno, Cal., was killed when his car went through the fence.

DWELLINGS FOR RENT

FURNISHED		
Lunalilo St.	3 bedrooms	\$55.00
Green and Victoria Sts.	6 "	75.00
Wilber Ave. and Spencer	4 "	30.00
Central Ave. Kaimuki	2 "	25.00
Prospect St.	2 "	30.00
Pearl City, Peninsula	2 "	30.00
Park Ave., Kaimuki	2 "	30.00
Lanihuli Drive	3 "	70.00
Tantalus Heights	3 "	45.00
UNFURNISHED		
811 Lunalilo St.	6 bedrooms	\$60.00
1522 Hastings St.	4 "	75.00
1475 Thurston Ave.	5 "	40.00
1221 Pensacola St.	4 "	40.00
1940 Young St.	2 "	35.00
1231 Lunalilo St.	2 "	35.00
2355 Oahu Ave.	5 "	70.00
Center Ave., Kaimuki	3 "	15.00
Kunawai Lane	3 "	20.00

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LUKA SAILS FOR FANNING TODAY; PILTZ SKIPPER

Bound for Fanning Island, the schooner Luka, owned by Judge Henry E. Cooper, sailed at 1 o'clock this afternoon from Pier 18, in command of Capt. Emil E. Piltz.

When seen this morning at the custom house Judge Cooper said the Luka would be gone from six weeks to two months. He said he did not know what cargo the schooner would bring back, or to what other South Sea ports she would go from Fanning Island.

Capt. Leopold Quayle was signed up skipper for the Luka, which was to have sailed last night. She cleared at 6 o'clock last evening but for some reason or other Capt. Quayle failed to show up and Judge Cooper employed Capt. Piltz as skipper.

MAYOR LANE BUYS TICKET TO HELP SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mayor Lane bought a ticket this morning to an entertainment advertised as a grand concert and dance, three waxon Hawaiian maidens from Waipahu waiting upon him and relieving him of a dollar. The entertainment proceeds are to go toward the upbuilding of the Waialeale Sunday school, the concert to be held on Saturday evening, November 6. The mayor passed the ticket on to his secretary, gratis, with the admonition to go to Sunday school and be good. "It is but one of a hundred requests of the sort that come in to me," says the mayor.

City Purchasing Agent E. J. Botts is calling for tenders on 3000 feet of fire hose, the bids to be opened on November 5. This is a part of the new fire equipment that is to be added to the department soon. Three new first-class motor engines with pumps of the centrifugal class are expected to arrive here some time near the middle of next month.

FIVE REPORTS OF ACCIDENTS GET TO BOARD

Three accident reports from the Inter-Island Steam Navigation Company and two accident reports from the Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company were read yesterday afternoon at a short meeting of the public utilities commission prior to the departure of Chairman Charles R. Forbes from the city.

Two of the inter-island accidents were of such nature that the secretary was instructed to write to the company to ascertain the present condition of the men. One accident was the result of a heavy sack of fertilizer falling from its sling as it was being lowered into the hold of the Claudine, and striking Aukal, a sailor, on the back above the hips. The other accident resulted to John Kealoha, a sailor on the Mauna Kea, when he fell on the wet deck and struck his head on the floor. The report stated that he was picked up in a dazed condition, that he soon regained complete consciousness, but went to his bunk complaining of a headache.

F. J. LOWREY IS NAMED ORIGINAL FOUNDER OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Word was received in Honolulu today that Frederick J. Lowrey was elected as an original founder of the National Historical Society at a recent meeting of the executive committee of that organization held in New York city. This makes the third Honolulu to be appointed as an original founder of the organization, the first and second appointments, respectively, being Mrs. H. C. Coleman and A. F. Cooke.

Here's a Bargain in a Tantalus Home! Right on the top of Tantalus ridge, looking into Manoa! and at end of the new Tantalus road. A two-story house, partly furnished. About 30,000 square feet of land and magnificent view. The elevation will brace you up and save you doctor's bills.

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14 Mendocina Tract (Liliha St.)	3 "	20.00
1713 Kalia Rd., Waikiki	2 "	25.00
(partly furnished)		
770 Kinau St.	4 "	32.50
1004 W. 5th Ave., Kaimuki	4 "	16.00
1020 Aloha Lane	2 "	18.00
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1562 Nuuanu Ave.	5 "	50.00
Luso St. (near School)	2 "	20.00
Thurston Ave.	2 "	25.00
1312 Center St., Kaimuki	2 "	25.00
1818 Beretania St.	2 "	25.00
2015 Lanihuli Drive (Manoa)	3 "	40.00
Walalae road, bet. 6th and 7th Aves.	15 "	125.00
Hyde and Oahu, Manoa	2 "	35.00
2355 Oahu Ave., Manoa	5 "	70.00
1124 Lunalilo (partly furnished)	4 "	50.00
929 Green st.	2 "	35.00
1317 Makiki St.	2 "	25.00
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